at which the said property was going to be transferred was Rs. 35,84,470. Subsequently, the said property was valued by the District Valuation Officer of the department at an amount of Rs 60,70,470

A Writ Petition bearing No. 353 of 1986 was filed by M/s. Apeejay Premises Co-operative Society Ltd. before the Bombay High Court. The Petition was admitted with the stipulation that the IAC Acquisition be restrained from continuing further proceedings. Steps are being taken to seek early hearing of the petition.

Review of economy

2440. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the review of the economy for April—June, 1987 by the National Council for Applied Economic Research;

(b) whether the review had alleged that the Government are trying to conceal the actual level of Budgetary deficit for 1986-87;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the actual Budgetary deficit for 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K GADHVI): (a) to (c) The National Council of Applied Economic Research in the July—September, 1987 issue of its quarterly Journal "Margin" has brought out a review of the Indian economy for the period April—June 1987. The review, *inter-alia*, observed that "the increase in net bank credit to the government sector by Rs. 3,704 crores during April, 1987 as compared to its increase by Rs 2139 crores during April, 1986, was somewhat striking. This may be ascribed to an effort to play down the budgetary deficit in 1986-87. But since bank credit does not follow any uniform pattern, such monthly variations are not strictly comparable:" As the Review itself pointed out, bank credit to Government does not follow any uniform pattern. In fact, latest data show that net bank credit to government has increased by Rs 9384 crores in the period between March 27 and November 6, 1987, which is somewhat lower than the increase of Rs. 9850 crores in the similar period of 1986-87, and

(d) The actual budgetary deficit in 1986-87 will be known only after the closing of accounts of the year.

Income-tax exemption to Cooperative Societies

2441. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Income-Tax Act has provided certain exemptions to the cooperative societies;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain types of societies have been exempted in full from paying any tax;

(c) whether cooperative societies engaged in money-lending business have also been exempted; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Certain cooperative Societies enjoy full exemption in respect of the income from the profits and gains of specified business activities and income from certain other sources

(c) Yes, Sir The whole of the amount of profits and gains attributable to the business of banking or providing credit facilities to its members is exempt in the hands of the cooperative societies engaged in such business.